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Proposed
~~AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS~~

1. (Currently Amended) A speaker bracket, comprising:
a first half including a first speaker mount half and a first support; and
a second half including a second speaker mount half and a second support;
wherein the first half is rotatably connected to the second half, so as to define an
axis about which the first half and second half may rotate with respect to one another.
2. (Original) The speaker bracket of Claim 1, wherein the first half is adapted to
rotate to and from an unfolded position.
3. (Original) The speaker bracket of Claim 2, further comprising a spring to bias
the rotation of the first and second halves.
4. (Original) The speaker bracket of Claim 3, wherein the spring is configured to
bias the rotation of the first and second halves towards the unfolded position.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently Amended) A folding speaker bracket that rests against the backside of
a mounting surface, wherein the bracket includes a speaker mounting portion that is hinged at
one or more locations along the approximate midpoint of said bracket.
8. (Currently Amended) A speaker bracket for mounting a speaker to a wall having a
hole that is smaller than the speaker, comprising:
a speaker mounting portion having a first half, a second half and a hinge
connecting the first half to the second half;
a first bracket support attached to the first half of the speaker mounting portion;
and
a second bracket support attached to the second half of the speaker mounting
portion.
9. (Original) The speaker bracket of Claim 8, further comprising a spring to bias
a relative rotation of the mounting portion halves.
10. (Original) The speaker bracket of Claim 9, wherein the spring is configured to
bias the rotation of the first half of the bracket portion towards an unfolded position.
11. (Currently Amended) A speaker bracket that rests against the backside of a
mounting surface having a backside and a front side, comprising:

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a speaker mounting portion;
at least one support arm for contacting the mounting surface; and
means for folding said bracket.

12. (Original) The speaker bracket of Claim 11, wherein the means for folding said bracket comprises a pair of pin joints.

13. (Original) The speaker bracket of Claim 12, wherein the pin joints comprise fasteners selected from a group consisting of rivets, screws and bolts.

14. (Original) The speaker bracket of Claim 11, wherein the means for folding said bracket comprises the use of flexible material.

15. (Original) The speaker bracket of Claim 11, further comprising means for returning said bracket to an unfolded state.

16. (Original) The speaker bracket of Claim 15, wherein said means for returning said bracket to an unfolded state comprises a spring.

17. (Currently Amended) A folding speaker bracket that rests against the backside of a mounting surface, comprising:

a speaker mount of flexible material and two speaker mounting halves, whereby the bracket is adapted to fold and then unfold.